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In re Application of: Hisano et al.)
Serial No.: 10/798,067) Group Art Unit: 3676
Filed: March 11, 2004) Examiner: Vishal A. Patel
For: Closed Annular Sealing Material and)
Method for Manufacturing Same)
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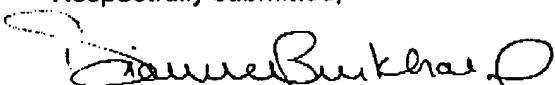
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We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and
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AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF
THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,


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